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HB-612 Natural Resources – Licensed Tree Experts - Alterations

SPONSOR: Delegate Courtney Watson

POSITION: Favorable

Good afternoon, Chairman Barve, Vice Chairman Stein, and members of the committee. Thank you for allowing me to present House Bill 612.

Dubois Tree Service, INC. has been serving the community for over 15 years now. Over the years we have come across many less skilled landscapers, damaging trees across the state.

Unfortunately, many customers aren't aware of the rules and regulations that should be implemented when executing services, such as ours. But landscapers and some tree care companies allowing others to work under their license. That should not be practicing such skills, without a license.

One more thing to mention, the safety issues that can occur on the jobsites. Landscapers, and or sub-contractors are not trained correctly. Many are not properly insured for homeowners/ and employees. We feel something needs to be implemented to show the severity of such practices without proper knowledge.

Just a few reasons why we are in favor of the House Bill HB612.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James M. Dubois Jr.", with a stylized, cursive script.

James M. Dubois Jr.